GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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AMOUNT SPENT ON WORKSHOPS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board is unaware of staff strength and vacancies in various workshops;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Board been providing effective administrative control over the functioning of these workshops;

(c) whether an amount of nearly Rs.200 crore was originally sanctioned for five workshops which was cut to Rs.43 cr. In 1995-96 but the Ministry had spent only a sum of Rs.1.79 cr. On three workshops; and

(d) if so, the reasons for bringing down Rs.200 cr. to Rs.1.79 cr. and its effect on planning and modernisation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. The status of sanctioned staff strength of the workshops is maintained in the Board`s office. However, as far as the arising of vacancies and their filling up, depending upon the workload, is concerned the same is a continuous process and its regular monitoring is done.

(b) The functioning of workshops is monitored by the Railway Board regularly with regard to variousperformance indices. Necessary guidance and directives are issued from time to time to ensure performance of the desired level both qualitatively and quantitatively.

(c) & (d): Yes, sir. In view of the ongoing gauge conversion projects, modernisation planning of workshops was reviewed and the strategy of converting the MG workshops to BG workshops was adoptedthereby ensuring utilisation of the existing infrastructure to a large extent. The expenditure to a large extent. The expenditure of Rs.1.79 cr. was incurred till 31st Mar`1996 against the revised sanctioned cost of Rs.43.38 cr. However, as on now the entire expenditure of Rs.38 cr. has been incurred and the infrastructure facilities as planned have already been created.